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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF

NEW BEDFORD.

NEW BEDFORD:
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1874.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

TRUSTEES.

EX OFFICIO. TERMS EXPIRE JANUARY, 1875.

GEORGE B. RICHMOND, Mayor of the City.
RUFUS A. SOULE, President of the Common Council.
JOSEPH KNOWLES, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr.,	Term expires Jan. 1875.
JAMES B. CONGDON,	Term expires Jan. 1875.
WARREN LADD,	Term expires Jan. 1876.
B. F. H. REED,	Term expires Jan. 1876.
S. GRIFFITTS MORGAN,	Term expires Jan. 1877.
THOMAS H. KNOWLES,	Term expires Jan. 1877.

PRESIDENT.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

JAMES B. CONGDON.

COMMITTEES.

ON THE LIBRARY—The Mayor, Messrs. Ladd, Howland and Congdon.

ON THE BUILDING—Messrs. J. Knowles and Soule.

ON BINDING AND BLANKS—Messrs. T. H. Knowles and Morgan.

ON THE MUSEUM—Messrs. Morgan, Reed and Congdon.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK.

DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1873.

DONORS.	Volumes. Bound.	Unbound.	Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Society,		2	
American Philosophical Society,		2	
Bangor Literary Association,	1		
Benjamin, E. B.,			1
Bennett, A. W.,			4
Boltwood, L. M.,	1		
Boston Public Library,		1	4
Boyd, D. F.,			1
Briggs, Geo. A.,			7
Brock, J. C.,	1		
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.,			3
Bureau of Education, Washington,	1		5
Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	1		
Butler Hospital for the Insane,			1
Charlestown Public Library,			1
Chicago Public Library,			1
Chisholm, E. H.,			12
Cincinnati Public Library,	1		
Clifford, John H.,			1
Cobden Club,			5
Coe, Isaac H.,			2
Commissioner of Education,	2		
Commissioner of State Parks, New York,			1
Congdon, James B.,	3		3
Crocker, George O.,	4		
Cutter, Abram E.,			1
Dennison, T. R.,			1
De Voe, Thomas F.,			1
Dexter, Franklin B.,		1	1
Dunbar, George H.,	10		7
Ernst, Carl W.,	1	2	12
Fall River Public Library,			2
Farrington, William H.,	1	1	5
Grand Division Sons of Temperance,	3		
Gray, William,			1
Green, Andrew H.,			1

DONORS.	Volumes. Bound.	Unbound.	Pamphlets.
Harris, W. F.,			1
Hartford Young Men's Institute,			2
Harvard College,			1
Hough, George T.,			17
Howland, George, Jr.,			1
Humphreys, A. A.,	3		
Library Company, Philadelphia,			2
Library of Congress,	1		2
Manchester City Library,			1
Mathews, Thomas H.,	12		
Medford Public Library,			1
Mercantile Library Association, New York,			1
Mercantile Library Association, Philadelphia,			1
Merriam, C. L.,			1
Merrill, Edward B.,			58
Munsell, Joel,	12	1	39
Newton Free Library,			1
New York State Library,			1
Nye, Gideon, Jr.,	1		4
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,			1
Peabody Institute, Peabody,	1		
Peirce, Benjamin,	1		
Phipps, Abner J.,	1		
Pitman, Robert C.,			7
Railroad Commissioners,	1		
Read, Robert G.,			1
Reading Public Library,			1
Rodman, Benjamin,	2		
Rodman, Edmund,			1
Rodman, Samuel,	1		
Smithsonian Institution,	1		
Spare, John,			1
Staples, S. E.,			1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton,			1
State of Massachusetts,	1		
State of Nevada,			1
Stetson, Thomas M.,	1		
Sumner, Charles,	25		17
Taunton Public Library,			1
Thomson, John H.,		4	9
Treasury Department, Washington,	1		
Virginia Military Institute,			1
Walker, Francis A.,	3		

DONORS.	Volumes. Bound.	Unbound.	Pamphlets.
Weeks, John A.,	2		
Wheeler, George B.,		2	
Willey, Henry,	2		3
Wilmington Institute,			1
Winchester, C. T.,		2	
Wines, E. C.,	1	1	
Wood, Henry T.,			1
Worcester Free Public Library,			1
Worth, Benjamin,	2		
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,			1
Young Men's Christian Association, Worcester,			1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, Cincinnati,			1
Young Men's Mercantile Library and Mechanics' Institute, Pittsburg,			1

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

Anthony, Edmund.—Daily Evening Standard, 1861-62. 2 v. fo.

Lindsey, Benjamin.—Christian Philanthropist. Ed. by Daniel K. Whitaker. New Bedford, May 14, 1822, to May 13, 1823. 4°.

— Continental Journal and Weekly Advertiser, Boston. 53 numbers; 1777-80.

— Daily Advertiser, Boston. 38 numbers; 1809.

— Massachusetts Gazette. 7 numbers; 1773, etc.

— Boston Gazette. 3 numbers; 1773-75.

— Boston Post Boy and Advertiser. 2 numbers; 1763, 1769.

— Royal American Gazette. 2 numbers; 1782, 1784.

— Newport Mercury. 10 numbers; 1775, etc.

— Whalemen's Shipping List. Vols. 19-24. New Bedford, 1861-67. 6 v. fo.

Nye, Gideon, Jr. — Bulletin Mensuel de la Societe d'Acclimatation. Paris, 1871-73. 22 numbers.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library, in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance by which the library was established, would respectfully present to you their TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Our Librarian has given us the facts in relation to the use of the books of the institution during the year, and it gives us much satisfaction to lay them before you.

The number of volumes delivered during the year has been *forty-one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.*

This shows a daily average of *one hundred and thirty-five.*

The cards issued now number as high as *twelve thousand four hundred and forty-three.*

The number of cards for the year has been *nine hundred and seventy-four.*

All the items given exhibit an increase over the report of any former year.

The number of volumes now upon our catalogue is *thirty thousand.*

As we have before stated, the statistics of circulation show but imperfectly the extent to which our large and valuable collection of books has been diffusing knowledge and affording attractive and healthful recreation.

The number of readers at our tables, attracted by the long list of periodicals, American and foreign, which they find there, and by the facilities afforded them for

reading and consulting the books of the library, all of which are at their service for this purpose, continues to increase; and in this respect, the value of our institution is every year upon the increase, and its importance as an educator of the people is becoming more highly appreciated.

The true extent of the additions which have been made to the library for the past year can be but imperfectly appreciated by the fact that there has been added to our catalogue twenty-three hundred bound volumes.

We have, the past year, as always before, as the means of so doing have been afforded, promptly placed upon our shelves the current issues from the press. The public expect us to keep up with the times in this respect, and we have, it is believed, not been wanting in a proper appreciation of the rights and expectations of the people.

We have also added to our list of periodicals, as these have been presented to our notice, such as have been considered by us valuable, either as vehicles of knowledge, or as affording to our large number of visitors an opportunity for refined and elevating recreation.

The term useful knowledge has had attached to it a meaning far too restricted and mercenary. All knowledge is useful the tendency of which is to elevate and refine. The powers which our Bountiful Father has conferred upon his children, if our humanity is to be perfected in accordance with his plan, must be fully and harmoniously developed. No standard of manhood or womanhood is fitted to measure the capacities and essential prerogatives of our nature that excludes from the circle the domains of art and the imagination.

Those upon whom devolves the important and responsible duty of performing a part, however humble, in the work of training the minds and hearts of a community, should ever bear in mind these facts.

The educators of the people are bound, whether their efforts are put forth in behalf of the child, the youth, or the man, ever to bear in mind the fact that He who made man in His own image could not mistake as to the qualities best fitted for humanity's highest exaltation. He has given to man the germs of those qualities and possessions which, when cultivated in harmony with His purposes, lead to that goal of our humanity where it becomes allied to the divine and exists in harmony with it.

The treasures of art and of literature, collected under the guidance of such a principle of action, are to be regarded as important and essential instrumentalities in this work of the education of the people. With regard to them the position is assumed and can be effectually sustained, that useful knowledge embraces the whole circle of acquired intelligence whereby the condition of man is improved, his life made wiser and happier, and the race elevated above the sordid and debasing propensities of our nature into the higher atmosphere of a pure morality and a rightly cultivated intellect.

Looked upon from this high standard, an extensive and well-selected library must be regarded as occupying a high position among the instrumentalities for the education of the people.

There are to be found, not only the record of man's history; not only the results of his earnest and well-directed labor in the great work of bringing to light the secrets of nature; not only the registry which he has made of the devoted efforts of the gifted ones of earth in the developments in science and of art by which man is gradually discovering and adopting those plans for his physical well-being which formed a part of the Divine Plan in the beginning; not only the story of man's struggles and triumphs in all that is calculated to make this world a more enjoyable and happier home for the race; but there, too,

are gathered the fruits of the spirit, the results of the workings of that spirit in man which gives to him, and all that comes within the sphere of his conceptions, the glory of a radiance not born of a mere physical existence. There, in the boundless variety in which the imagination of man has given expression to this wonderful faculty, are to be found the inspired song of the poet, and the glowing words of the orator; there romance gilds the affairs of men with the rainbow hues of a light borrowed from its own rich resources; and there, too, in the multitudinous forms in which the thought, experience and inspiration of man find utterance, are to be found what the past has treasured up of man's intellectual manifestations, and a transcript of what the present is bringing forth from the same inexhaustible fountain.

In this point of view the accumulations of a large library impress us, as we look upon them, with a deep and abiding interest. We are surrounded with the work of the world's gifted intellects, and the feeling excited partakes in no small degree of the emotion that would attend the visible presence of those who have given to humanity its truest and highest earthly glory. The teachers of the world are present, and we profoundly feel the influence which such a presence is calculated to excite.

It is difficult to overrate or overstate the influence which such a collection of the labors of the world's most gifted minds excites in a community like ours. The minds which are aroused into activity by the training and discipline of the schools which are open to all, and of whose advantages so nearly all are partaking, find in the library that food which their faculties, aroused and rightly directed, are demanding in the work of education still to be performed, and for that exercise of the intellect which demands the recreation for which it is fitted and for which it ever feels a craving.

The very atmosphere of a large library is elevating and improving. There is asserted the supremacy of man's intellectual and spiritual life. There, as he reads what past wisdom and goodness have left behind for his elevation and guidance, or muses upon the fact that in this wonderful manner the labors of past devotedness and intelligence have been preserved and accumulated for him, he feels the joy and pride which flow from the fact that, in his ability to understand and enjoy what has thus been written and gathered for him, he becomes allied to the wisdom, the excellence and the inspiration which are placed within his reach.

These general views, thus briefly and imperfectly expressed, have always been connected with the management of the Free Public Library of New Bedford.

Those who have been intrusted with its direction, have ever had in view the fact that our library is a part of our system of public education and the complement of our educational arrangements; and as they have seen no limit to the work of education short of that training which embraces all the powers and faculties of our humanity, they have, as far as it has been within their reach, endeavored to make upon the institution under their care the impress of this high conception of man's wants and capacity.

During the year the work, too long delayed, of placing in some public institution a fitting memorial of the legacies of Sylvia Ann Howland, has been completed.

Under an order which was adopted in 1872, the present Board have completed what was devised and partially executed by their predecessors.

The design and the execution are creditable to the city and to all who have been in any way connected with the work.

A plain white marble tablet, on which is inscribed, briefly but comprehensively, the facts which it is designed

to commemorate, has been placed in the principal room of the Free Public Library.

It is surrounded by a frame of tasteful design and of perfect execution. The whole work, both in plan and performance, and the place which has been selected for its erection, is one which commends itself to the good sense, the feelings of propriety, and the grateful emotions of the people of New Bedford.

In a simple and unostentatious manner it recites the story of this liberal and enlightened benefaction. It is an ornament to our library, and will, as it is looked upon and its inscription read, add its influence to the other elevating emotions of the place to give attractiveness to the spot chosen for its erection.

The following is the inscription upon the tablet:

THIS TABLET
Commemorates the enlightened liberality of
SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND
who bestowed upon the City of
NEW BEDFORD
the sum of
TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS:
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
to aid in supplying the City with
PURE WATER;
and
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
as a Fund for the promotion of
LIBERAL EDUCATION,
by the enlargement of the
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
and by extending to the
Children and Youth
of the City,
the means of a
wider and more generous
CULTURE.

It has been made the duty of the Trustees of the Free Public Library to give, in their Annual Reports to the City Council, a detailed statement of the expenditures made by them from the income of the Sylvia Ann Howland and other Free Public Library Funds.

We now present for your examination, and we trust for your approval, the account of our disbursements and the present condition of the income of the funds:

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUST FUNDS.

CITY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Balance of account, January 1st, 1873,	$11,363.82
One year's interest on the Sylvia Ann Howland Free Public Library Fund,	3,000.00
One year's interest on the George Howland Jr. Free Public Library Fund,	96.00
One year's interest on the Charles W. Morgan Free Public Library Fund,	60.00
	$14,519.82

Dr.

Sundry orders drawn by the President of the Board of Trustees on the City Treasurer, as follows:

1873.	February 5,	$523.62	
	March,	197.46	
	May,	526.00	
	July,	409.28	
	September,	569.92	
	October,	2,251.41	
	November,	124.26	
	December,	214.84	
1874.	January,	213.75	
			$5,030.54
	Balance,		9,489.28
			$14,519.82
	Balance unexpended,		$9,489.28

Treasurer's Office, January 3, 1874.

JAMES B. CONGDON, City Treasurer.

GEORGE HOWLAND JUNIOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of Fund,			$1,600.00
	Cr.		
1873. January 1st. Balance,			$95.00
One year's interest,			96.00
			$191.00
	Dr.		
J. Allen Jr. & Cos. bill, tablet,		$100.00	
F. T. Akin's and M. H. Bliss's bills,	$102.06		
Less ½ to Morgan Fund,	51.03	51.03	151.03
Balance unexpended,			$39.97

CHARLES W. MORGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of Fund,			$1,000.00
	Cr.		
1873. January 1. Balance,			$50.00
One year's interest,			60.00
			$110.00
	Dr.		
Leonard B. Ellis's bill,		$25.50	
F. T. Akin's and M. H. Bliss's bills,	$102.06		
Less ½ to Geo. Howland Jr. Fund,	51.03	51.03	76.53
Balance unexpended,			$33.47

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

Amount of the Fund,			$50,000.00
	Cr.		
1873. January 1. Balance,			$11,218.39
One year's interest,			3,000.00
			$14,218.39

Dr.

The expenditures from the income of this fund have been solely for books; and for the several amounts orders have been drawn on the City Treasury by the President of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Ordinance.

The bills, with their respective amounts, are as follows:

T. Leypold,				$2.50
H. V. Butler & Co.,				1.00
" " "				4.00
John M. Barker,				3.00
James W. Hervey,				13.00
Henry Willey,				8.95
Harper & Bros.,				3.35
Edward Allison,				3.50
Boston Society Natural History,				3.00
American Periodicals,				110.30
Estes & Lauriat,				5.25
John C. Allen,				
$6.12	13.85	9.98	18.54	
6.10	17.46	2.52	3.00	
5.40	9.38	16.00	7.63	
6.57	8.43	6.88	24.00	
20.00	10.50	40.46	17.25	
10.88	2.00	9.05	6.38	
13.31	4.80	18.25	11.52	
11.25	2.63			340.14
Scribner, Welford & Armstrong,				
$6.80	6.67	6.00	1.40	
10.75	2.82	16.81	14.36	
201.38	19.87	45.95	20.70	
14.37	1.75	1,290.13	19.65	
6.75	6.00			1,692.16
A. L. Luyster,				7.20
John H. Thomson,				150.00
C. E. Jones,				1.00
Caroline L. Taber,				37.00
Sylvander Hutchinson,				
$7.01	34.65	6.88	12.23	
14.00	16.45	22.23	8.60	
3.50	105.91			221.46
William H. Piper & Co.,				
$162.81	13.50	13.46	315.18	
64.00				568.95
Aldine,	$20.00	5.00		25.00
Stamp Collector's Magazine,				18.34
H. Vincent Butler & Co.,				1.00
Patent Office,				10.00
Practical Magazine,				10.00
Asher & Adams,				30.00
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,				7.50
G. W. Tryon, Jr.,				5.00
W. C. Amor,				4.00

E. Anthony & Sons,	6.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	4.75
J. B. Congdon,	5.00
Charles Taber & Co.,	185.45
Butler & Fleetwood,	2.00
D. G. Thomas,	17.33
Academy Natural Sciences,	10.00
B. Westermann & Co.,	6.20
S. G. Drake,	72.90
H. C. Lea,	5.00
J. Munsell,	153.80
Wm. Bradford,	110.00
J. H. Jones,	1.00
G. W. Tryon, Jr.,	5.00
A. Denham & Co.,	24.84
Schoenhof & Moeller,	52.75
A. L. Luyster,	116.75
J. L. Sisson,	12.00
D. V. Nostrand,	427.35
F. S. Drake,	3.00
E. W. Nash,	64.25
J. B. Congdon,	2.50
F. B. Dexter,	5.00
Stamp Collector's Magazine,	10.00
E. W. Nash,	12.00
G. P. Putnam's Sons,	5.50
J. L. Sisson,	56.00
G. W. Tryon, Jr.,	5.00
J. L. Sisson,	24.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	4.75
Harper & Bros.,	3.35
The Nation,	6.00
I. A. Studor,	2.00
D. Van Nostrand,	3.75
J. W. Barton,	8.00
D. G. Francis,	27.90
George Arnold,	3.50
J. B. Congdon,	9.00
C. T. Allen,	8.75
J. L. Sisson,	24.00
Whole amount of bills,	$4,802.98
Balance unexpended,	9,415.41
	$14,218.19

BALANCE STATEMENT.

Balances to the credit of the several Free Public Library Funds, as follows:	
Sylvia Ann Howland,	$9,415.41
George Howland, Jr.,	39.97
Charles W. Morgan,	33.47
Balance of an old account unexpended,	.43
Balance to the credit of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, as per the statement of the City Treasurer,	$9,489.28

We present you, with much pleasure, a list of the donations with which we have been favored during the year. It embraces *one hundred and fifteen* volumes of books and *two hundred and sixty-seven* pamphlets, from about one hundred different donors. It is gratifying to be able to state the fact, that the number of those who feel an interest in the success and growth of our institution is increasing, although, for the past year, the number of volumes which their thoughtful liberality has bestowed is not as large as in some previous years. We return to all those who have remembered us our thanks and the thanks of the people of the city, and we can assure all who have added to the accumulations of our library that we set a high estimate upon the humblest offering, and an estimate still higher upon that regard for our institution which has led them to aid in the promotion of its objects.

We again repeat, what we have so often stated in our reports, that we are glad and grateful to receive anything in the shape of a book, a pamphlet, or a newspaper that may be placed in our hands. The book, although it may not be very valuable to the holder, may be one not yet found upon our shelves; although an odd volume, it may, if brought to us, be found to match with another odd volume, and thus a valuable set be completed.

Thousands of pamphlets are being daily destroyed, which, if brought to a place where they can be classified and arranged, would be found useful to some inquirer who is seeking for information.

Newspapers have for us a rare attractiveness and value. We have, as you well know, by the liberality of the New Bedford proprietors, been placed in possession of the principal newspapers which have been published in our city.

Our list of donations for the present year will show you that we have had several valuable and most welcome donations.

Two folio volumes of the Evening Standard have been added to our collections of that valuable paper by Edmund Anthony, Esq.

The former editor and publisher of the New Bedford Mercury, to whom we were indebted for a complete set of that paper, from its first issue to the last sent out under his editorship, a donation in value and importance second to none of which the library has been the recipient, has placed us again under the highest obligation for other and most valuable gifts.

We would refer you to the list we have placed before you for the details of this additional evidence of Mr. Lindsey's liberality. It comprises, among other most welcome additions to our newspaper department, a complete set of the Christian Philanthropist, a newspaper published in this city in 1822–3, by Daniel K. Whitaker. We have never before been able to procure it. The volumes of the Whalemen's Shipping List complete our set of that paper.

We would renew to Mr. Lindsey an expression of our grateful feelings for his enlightened bounty.

The means at our disposal have not permitted the execution of a plan, announced in our last report, for a peri-

odical publication of a list of the acquisitions to the library.

The labor and expense of carrying the plan into execution were found to be beyond the ability of the Trustees to supply.

But we hope that, in some form, a practicable method may be devised, so that all who are interested may be able to know the titles and character of the works from time to time added to the library.

One obstacle in the way of such a course of proceeding is the fact, that since the publication of our last catalogue, *four thousand volumes*, a library in themselves, have been added to our collection. Our printed catalogue includes twenty-one thousand volumes; the other four thousand are to be found upon the librarian's catalogue only.

It would seem to be the wisest course, to acquaint the public with the titles and character of these numerous acquisitions, before taking measures for a publication of those which may be hereafter received.

Both objects are desirable, and it would give the Trustees great pleasure to have placed at their disposal the means which would enable them to complete our printed catalogue and issue a periodical bulletin of our accessions.

In conclusion, the trustees would respectfully call attention to the fact, that the vastly increased and annually increasing labor of our library is performed with no increase of laborers since its opening, more than twenty years ago, with but one sixth of the volumes it now contains, and with but one fourth of its present circulation.

During the past year, the necessity for taking measures to meet this great increase in the extent and character of the work called for, that the library may be effectively managed and its officers not overworked, has demanded and received the attention of the trustees.

They would, however, express the conviction that justice to our excellent librarian and the best interests of the institution demand that arrangements, more in harmony with the extent and character of the library, should be at once matured and placed in operation.

George H. Dunbar,
Henry F. Thomas,
Andrew G. Pierce,
Warren Ladd,
Horatio Hathaway,
George Howland, Jr.,
James B. Congdon,
J. Wingate Frost,
George F. Kingman,
Trustees Free Public Library.

City of New Bedford.
Office Trustees Free Public Library,
Jan. 3d, 1874.

APPENDIX.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Organization and Duties of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE I.

SECT. 1. The Mayor of the City shall be President of the Board of Trustees.

SECT. 2. When he shall be absent, a presiding officer shall be chosen for the meeting, who, for such meeting, shall exercise all the authority of the President.

SECT. 3. The Clerk shall preside pending such choice.

SECT. 4. When President and Clerk shall both be absent, any member may call the meeting to order and preside at a choice of a President *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE II.

SECT. 1. The Board shall have four Standing Committees, to wit:

On the Library, to consist of five members, of whom the President shall be one and its Chairman.

On the Building, to consist of two members.

On Binding and Blanks, to consist of two members.

On the Museum, to consist of three members.

These Committees shall be appointed by the President at the first meeting in the year, unless a vote shall be passed for their election by the Board. If not then appointed or chosen, it can be done at any subsequent meeting.

SECT. 2. Vacancies in any Standing Committee can be filled at any meeting.

SECT. 3. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE III.

SECT. 1. The first meeting in the year shall be held on the next Saturday after the election of the Trustees; which meeting shall be called by the Clerk, under the direction of the Mayor, by written notices to each member.

SECT. 2. Meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of every month.

SECT. 3. Notices of all meetings shall be sent, under the direction of the Clerk, to the members through the post-office, or delivered at their respective residences, and in the first named case they shall be sent the day previous to the meeting.

SECT. 4. Special meetings shall be called by the Clerk upon the request of any member, such meeting not to be called sooner than the next day after such request shall be made.

SECT. 5. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

SECT. 1. The Standing Committee on the Library shall

Purchase all books;

Subscribe for the periodicals;

Prepare the Annual Report; and

Direct the Librarian as to what books shall not be allowed to be taken from the Library.

SECT. 2. The Standing Committee on the Building shall have the oversight of the rooms, their cleaning, warming, lighting, ventilating and repairs; and shall direct with regard to the fixtures, furniture, and pictures.

SECT. 3. The Standing Committee on Blanks and Binding shall direct in relation to the binding of books and periodicals and their preparation for use; provide all necessary books and blanks for the use of the Librarian; and decide all doubtful questions as to fines and the injury or loss of books taken from the Library.

SECT. 4. The Standing Committee on the Museum shall have in charge the Museum of Natural History, and shall take all such measures for its security, usefulness and growth as may be deemed by them advisable, within the limitations ordered by the Board of Trustees.

SECT. 5. The several Standing Committees shall, in all matters connected with their respective duties, conform to all directions which may be given by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE V.

SECT. 1. Connected with the management of the Library there shall be

A Clerk;

A Superintendent;

A Librarian;

One or more Assistant Librarians.

SECT. 2. The Clerk shall be the recording officer of the Board of Trustees, and shall certify to all bills which shall be approved by them. All the records and papers of the Board shall be in his possession, subject to its order. In the absence of the Clerk at any meeting, the President shall appoint a Clerk *pro tempore.*

SECT. 3. The Superintendent of the Library shall have a general oversight of the operations of the Library not connected with the arrangement, custody and circulation of the books and other publications, or any other part of its management belonging to the office of Librarian; he shall perform all such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board or either of its Standing Committees; he shall conduct all the correspondence of the Board; examine all bills and keep an exact account of all authorized expenditures, placing under different heads the demands allowed and ordered to be charged to the account of the general expenditure and to the several Trust Funds whose income is expended under the direction of the Board. He shall, at every meeting of the Board, lay before them in writing any subject which he may consider as calling for their attention. It shall be his duty to receive and to act upon all requests for leave to take from the Library any book not intended for general circulation. He shall receive, from time to time, from the Librarian, an account of any books which may be missing, and advise with him as to the necessary measures for their recovery, and in relation to any other department of the operation of the institution.

The Superintendent shall have charge of the Museum and Collections in Natural History belonging to the City of New Bedford, and shall, under the direction of the Trustees or the Standing Committee on the Museum, take all such measures for its preservation, increase and profitable arrangement and exhibition as may be called for, that the design of its establishment and of its purchase by the city may be accomplished.

SECT. 4. The Librarian shall have the charge of all the rooms occupied by the Library, and the custody of all the property connected with it, contained in them. He shall be responsible to the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his duties. All the books, periodicals, maps, charts, manuscripts and pictures shall be catalogued and arranged by him; and in all matters connected with their use, preserva-

tion and circulation, he shall see that the rules and regulations of the Trustees are complied with. It shall be his duty to preserve order in the Library rooms, and to do whatever may be required to facilitate the examination and perusal of the books and periodicals, and the convenience of all visitors and takers of books for circulation. The Librarian shall, from time to time, and as often as once in three months, make out a list for the Superintendent of all the books missing, and such measures may be taken by these two officers as they may consider best calculated for their recovery.

He shall receive all fines, keeping a record of the same, and may from any funds in his hands meet any petty expenditures necessary in his department.

SECT. 5. The Assistant Librarians shall perform their duties under the direction of the Librarian; and when the last named officer is absent, the Library shall be under the charge of the Assistant he may designate, unless the Trustees otherwise order.

SECT. 6. The Superintendent, Clerk, Librarian and Assistant Librarians, and all other officers they may think proper to employ, shall be appointed by the Trustees; they shall receive such compensation as the Board shall allow, payable quarterly, and shall hold their respective places during its pleasure. Should the Superintendent be absent, or should there be a vacancy in the office, the Clerk shall perform the duties of that office during such absence or vacancy.

Library Regulations.

ARTICLE VI.

WHEN OPEN.

SECT. 1. The Library shall be opened every day, Sundays, New Year's Day and the Legal Holidays excepted.

SECT. 2. From April 1st to August 31st, both inclusive, from 8 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M., from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock and from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock P. M.

SECT. 3. During the other months, from 10 o'clock A. M. to 1 o'clock P. M., and from 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 o'clock P. M.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF VISITORS.

SECT. 4. All persons resident in New Bedford, of 16 years of age and upwards, shall have the right to visit the rooms, and to use therein the books, periodicals, &c., subject to such regulations and restrictions as the Committee on the Library may from time to time institute with the approbation of the Board.

SECT. 5. Measures shall be taken to guard against loss or damage by reason of such use of the Library property, and to insure quiet and decorum in all the rooms.

SECT. 6. A failure to meet any pecuniary liability, or to conform to the rules, shall be considered a forfeiture of the right to the use of the Library property in any form.

SECT. 7. Strangers, introduced by a Trustee or a member of the City Council, may be allowed the privileges of residents for four weeks.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

SECT. 8. Books may be taken from the Library by all resident adults, and by all resident married minors.

SECT. 9. A delivery upon the order of a resident shall be considered a delivery to him in person.

SECT. 10. All orders for books shall name the person to receive them, and the books shall be delivered to no other. There shall be an order for each delivery.

SECT. 11. Minors, 16 years old or upwards, resident in the city, may be allowed the rights of adults as takers of books, by filing with the Librarian a certificate signed by their parent or guardian or some other responsible person, also a resident, by which the signer shall become to the same extent responsible for said minor as he would be for himself. A deposit to the full value of the volume called for or of the set to which it belongs may take the place of such certificate.

SECT. 12. All persons having the right to take books shall, before exercising such right, enter into an obligation in writing that they will observe all the Rules and Regulations instituted for the government and safety of the Library, which obligation shall be in such form as the Committee on the Library shall direct, care being taken that it shall recognize a pecuniary obligation, on the part of such taker, to the city of New Bedford, for all fines, forfeitures, loss, or damage.

SECT. 13. No person shall be allowed to take a book from the Library who appears by the records to be accountable for a book previously taken, or for a fine or forfeiture imposed.

SECT. 14. Books intended for general circulation, with such exceptions as the Committee on the Library may direct, shall be properly lettered and numbered, having on the outside a label stating the time they may be kept, and the fine for retaining them longer.

SECT. 15. All the books, as well as the periodicals, manuscripts, &c., shall be stamped with the words, "NEW BEDFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY," the number being written on the inside of the cover.

SECT. 16. All the books of the Library shall be prepared for general circulation, except such as the Trustees shall order to be kept in the rooms.

SECT. 17. One volume only can be taken at one time.

SECT. 18. No book can be retaken unless returned to the Library.

SECT. 19. Books taken can be used in the family of the taker only.

SECT. 20. All books taken may be retained two weeks unless a shorter time is named on the cover.

SECT. 21. A book may be retaken unless an application for it has been made to the Librarian in writing.

SECT. 22. The Committee on the Library may order a new book to be retained in the rooms for a short time after its purchase, and they may, if they shall think proper, shorten the time it may be kept out.

SECT. 23. Every person entitled to take books from the Library shall receive from the Librarian a printed card, having on it the name of the applicant. The catalogue number of the book asked for should be written in the blanks left for the purpose, and this card presented to the Librarian or his Assistant as the mode of obtaining any book that may be wanted.

SECT. 24. Books returned must be delivered to the Librarian or his Assistant.

SECT. 25. The fines for retaining books beyond the allowed period shall be one cent per day; and for books damaged or lost, the actual loss sustained.

SECT. 26. All holders of books beyond the regulation period shall be required to pay the expense of sending for the same, and it shall be the duty of the Librarian to send for all books held two weeks beyond the allowed time, and if not then delivered they shall be considered as lost.

SECT. 27. Books not intended for general circulation may be taken from the Library, for a limited period, upon an order in writing signed by the Superintendent, a receipt being given by the taker therefor.

Donations.

ARTICLE VII.

SECT. 1. A record shall be kept by the Librarian of all donations made to the Library, which record shall be placed before the Board at each monthly meeting, when it shall be read, and if it be approved, such approval shall be certified upon it by the Clerk.

SECT. 2. All books presented to the Library shall have the name of the donor placed upon them, and a list of all the donations for the year shall be contained in the Annual Report.

Amendments.

ARTICLE VIII.

These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Board; but a majority may amend at any meeting, if each member shall have been notified of the proposed change and of the time and place of the proposed action thereupon.

LIST OF PERIODICALS CURRENTLY RECEIVED.

The letters following the figures denoting the size of the periodical, signify respectively: Y., yearly; ½Y., half-yearly; Q., quarterly; M., monthly; ½M., semi-monthly; D., daily; UN., uncertain.

Academy, The. London.	4°	W.
Academy of Natural Sciences. Philadelphia.		
— Journal.	4°	UN.
— Proceedings.	8°	M.
Advocate of Peace. *See* American Peace Society.		
Aldine, The.	4°	M.
Allgemeine Zeitung. Augsburg.	4°	D.
Alliance News, The.	4°	W.
American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Boston.		
— Memoirs.	4°	UN.
— Proceedings.	8°	UN.
American Annual Cyclopædia. New York.	8°	Y.
American Antiquarian Society. Worcester.		
— Transactions and Collections.	8°	UN.
— Proceedings.	8°	½Y.
American Chemist. New York.	*sm.* 4°	M.
American Church Review. Hartford.	8°	Q.
American Entomological Society. Philadelphia.		
— Transactions.	8°	Y.
American Historical Record, and Repository of Notes and Queries.	8°	M.
American Journal of Science and Arts, [Silliman's Journal.] New Haven.	8°	M.
American Literary Gazette and Publishers' Circular. *See* Publishers' Weekly.		
American Peace Society. Boston.		
— Advocate of Peace.	8°	M.
American Philosophical Society. Philadelphia.		
— Transactions.	4°	UN.
— Proceedings.	8°	UN.

American Social Science Association. New York.
— Journal of Social Science. . . . . 8° UN.
Annals and Magazine of Natural History. London. . . . 8° M.
Annual Register. London. . . . . 8° Y.
Art, Pictorial and Industrial. London. . . . . 4° M.
Art Journal. The. London. . . . . 4° M.
Athenæum, The. London. . . . . 4° W.
Atlantic Monthly. Boston. . . . . 8° M.
Bibliotheca Sacra and Theological Eclectic. Andover. . 8° Q.
Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. Edinburgh. . . . . 8° M.
Boston Society of Natural History. Boston.
— Annual. . . . . 18° Y.
— Memoirs. . . . . 4° Y.
— Proceedings. . . . . 8° Y.
Boston. *See* American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
— *See* American Peace Society.
— *See* Massachusetts Historical Society.
— *See* Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
— *See* New England Historic, Genealogical Society.
Botanische Zeitung. Leipzig. . . . . 4° W.
British Almanac and Companion. *See* Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.
British Journal of Photography. London. . . . . 8° M.
British Quarterly Review. London. . . . . 8° M.
Bulletin de la Societe d'Acclimatation. *See* Societe d'Acclimatation.
Canadian Naturalist and Quarterly Journal of Science. Montreal. . . . . 8° Q.
Catholic World. New York. . . . . 8° M.
Chemical News. London. . . . . 4° W.
Christian Register. Boston. [Gift of the American Unitarian Association.] . . . . . *fo.* W.
Commercial and Financial Chronicle and Hunt's Merchant's Magazine. New York. . . . . *sm. fo.* W.
Congregational Quarterly. Boston. . . . . 8° M.
Contemporary Review. London. . . . . 8° M.
Daily Mercury, The. New Bedford. . . . . *fo.* D.
Dublin University Magazine. Dublin. . . . . 8° M.
Edinburgh Review. Edinburgh. . . . . 8° Q.
Engineering. London. . . . . *sm. fo.* W.
Entomologischer Verein, Stettin.
— Entomologische Zeitung. . . . . 8° M.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.
— Bulletin. . . . . 8° M.

Essex Institute, *continued.*
— Historical Collections. . . . . 8° UN.
Evening Standard. New Bedford. . . . . *fo.* D.
Every Saturday. Boston. . . . . 8° W.
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.
— Journal of the Franklin Institute. . . . . 8° M.
Fraser's Magazine. London. . . . . 8° M.
Friend, The. . . . . 8° W.
Friends' Quarterly Examiner. . . . . 8° Q.
Friends' Review. Philadelphia. . . . . 8° W.
Galaxy, The. New York. . . . . 8° M.
Geographical Society, London.
— Quarterly Journal. . . . . 8° Q.
Hardwicke's Science Gossip. London. . . . . 8° M.
Harper's New Monthly Magazine. New York. . . . . 8° M.
Historical Magazine. New York. . . . . 4° M.
Journal fuer die reine und angewandete Mathematik.
Berlin. . . . . 4° Y.
Journal of Social Science. *See* American Social Science Association.
Journal of Speculative Philosophy. St. Louis. . . . . 8° Q.
Journal of the Franklin Institute. *See* Franklin Institute.
Journal of the Royal Geographical Society. *See* Royal Geographical Society.
Literary World, The. Boston. . . . . 4° M.
Littell's Living Age. Boston. . . . . 8° W.
London. *See* Geological Society.
— *See* Royal Geographical Society.
— *See* Royal Society.
— *See* Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.
Macmillan's Magazine. London. . . . . 8° M.
Maine Historical Society, Portland.
— Collections. . . . . 8° UN.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.
— Collections. . . . . 8° UN.
— Proceedings. . . . . 8° Y.
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Boston.
— Our Dumb Animals. . . . . 4° M.
Massachusetts Teacher. Boston. . . . . 8° M.
Methodist Quarterly Review. New York. . . . . 8° Q.
Mittheilungen aus Justus Perthes' Geographisches Anstalt. Gotha. . . . . 4° Q.
Nation, The. New York. . . . . 4° W.
Nature. London. . . . . 8° W.

New England Historic, Genealogical Society, Boston.
— New England Historical and Genealogical Register and Antiquarian Journal. . . . . 8° Q.
New Englander and Congregational Review. New Haven. 8° Q.
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York.
— New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. . . 8° Q.
New York. *See* American Social Science Association.
North American Review. Boston. . . . . 8° Q.
Notes and Queries. London. . . . . *sm.* 4° W.
Old and New. Boston. . . . . 8° M.
Our Dumb Animals. *See* Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Overland Monthly. San Francisco. . . . . 8° M.
Peabody Academy of Science, Salem, Mass.
— American Naturalist. . . . . 8° M.
— Memoirs. . . . . *imp.* 8° UN.
Philadelphia Photographer. [Including the Photographic Times, New York.] Philadelphia. . . . . 8° M.
Philadelphia. *See* Academy of Natural Sciences.
— *See* American Entomological Society.
— *See* American Philosophical Society.
— *See* Franklin Institute.
Popular Science Review. London. . . . . 8° Q.
Portland. *See* Maine Historical Society.
Providence. *See* Rhode Island Historical Society.
Publishers' Circular. London. . . . . 8° ½M.
Publishers' Weekly [formerly the Trade Circular. Including American Literary Gazette and Publishers' Circular.] New York. . . . . 8° W.
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science. London. . 8° Q.
Quarterly Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics. London. . . . . 8° Q.
Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. *See* Geological Society.
Quarterly Review. London. . . . . 8° Q.
Religious Magazine and Monthly Review. Boston. [Gift of the Am. Unitarian Association.] . . . 8° M.
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.
— Collections. . . . . 8° M.
Royal Geographical Society, London.
— Journal. . . . . 8° Y.
Royal Society, London.
— Philosophical Transactions. . . . . 4° Y.
— Proceedings. . . . . 8° M.

Salem, Mass. *See* Essex Institute.
— *See* Peabody Academy of Science.
Saturday Review. London. . . . . *sm. fo.* W.
Scientific American. New York. . . . . *fo.* W.
Scribner's Monthly. New York. . . . . 8° M.
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
— Contributions to Knowledge. . . . . 4° UN.
— Miscellaneous Collections. . . . . 8° UN.
Societe d'Acclimatation, Paris.
— Bulletin. [Gift of Gideon Nye, Jr.] . . . . . 8° M.
Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, London.
— British Almanac and Companion. . . . . 16° Y.
Spectator. London. . . . . *sm. fo.* W.
Stamp Collector's Magazine. . . . . 8° M.
Stettin, Prussia. *See* Entomologischer Verein.
Truebner's American and Oriental Literary Record.
London. . . . . 8° M.
Universalist Quarterly. Boston. . . . . 8° Q.
Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering. New York. . . . 8° M.
Washington, D. C. *See* Smithsonian Institution.
Westminster Review. London. . . . . 8° Q.
Whalemen's Shipping List and Merchants' Transcript.
New Bedford. . . . . *fo.* W.
Whitaker's Almanac. London. . . . . 16° Y.
Worcester, Mass. *See* American Antiquarian Society.
Workshop, The. New York. . . . . *fo.* M.